



# Flathead County 4-H News

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## Flathead 4-H Foundation Fall Forum Meeting



The Flathead 4-H Foundation Fall Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 1st, 2011 at 6:30 pm. A leader from each club, and all District Representatives should attend Forum meetings. Topics of discussion will include a recap of the 10-11 4-H year, Foods Fair and other programming for the upcoming year. If you have an item that you would like to see added to the agenda, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.

**AG/Livestock Committee:** The next AG/Livestock Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 pm. To add items to the agenda, please contact the committee chair, Marian McAllister, at 837-0119

## Steer Market Project Weigh-in



The 4-H steer tagging and weigh-in will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 from 8:00-10:30 am. This is a **required** weigh-in for all members who are planning on being in the market beef project this year. All animals must have a halter and lead rope. Please be dressed appropriately to handle your animal, including proper foot wear and dress that is appropriate to the weather conditions of the day. Members should know their breeder's name and address, their animals breed, and it's birth date.

## Exciting News for Flathead Extension

**4-H Agent Search Update:** It's official! Tammy Walker has accepted the position of the MSU Flathead County 4-H & Youth Development Agent. She will begin working in the Office on February 1st, 2012. We are very excited to have her join our team and we know the 4-H community is excited as well. Thank you to everyone who helped in the selection process including all the leaders, members and parents who attended the public presentations.

**Extension Office Move Update:** As many of you are aware, the Extension Office will be moving to the Earl Bennett Building which is located at 1035 1st Avenue West, Kalispell. Our office will be located on the 2nd floor of the building. Please follow the signs to find our location. We will be officially in our new office on December 13th. We will have no access to phones and emails on the 12th, so please be patient during this time period. We will try to keep operations open as much as possible during this transition. We are asking all club leaders to come in next week (December 5-9th) to clean out club mailboxes and pick up any items they may need for the next few weeks. We will try to have as many forms available on line as possible. We are excited about our move and sure it will be awesome once we get settled!

**Please Note: Club program outlines are now due on the 16th due to the office relocation.**

Due to our office relocation we have decided to postpone our Holiday Open House until February. This way everyone will be able to meet the new agent as well. Please feel free to stop by our office in the mean time. Happy Holidays!



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This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!  
-- D.M. Dellinger



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## Horse Committee Meeting

**Horse Committee:** The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, January 17th, at 5:45 p.m. Please call Marleen Probert at 257-5735 if you would like to add items to the meeting agenda.

## Shooting Sports Leaders Training



Flathead County will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Training on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, the 3rd. Leader's can obtain certification in one discipline of shooting sports: archery, air rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and cowboy action. Training on Friday will be held at the Fairgrounds from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and resume on Saturday at 8:00 am. Saturday's locations will vary depending on discipline and end around 6:00 pm at the latest. Registration fees are \$60 per person and lunch will be provided. Pre-tests are required; forms can be obtained in the Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension Office

## 2012 Rec Lab "100 Years of Green"

2012 Rec Lab will be held at Lewistown on March 16-18th. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed, interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. Members must be at least 13 years old, 4-H age. Registrations are now open and available on our website or in the Office. We are asking all members and leaders who would like to attend to please turn in forms to the Extension by February 1st so that we can take advantage of early bird discounts. Cost to attend will not be available until we know our total group size (to estimate travel expenses etc) but we will have a good estimate by the time you turn your forms in. Financial assistance may be available upon request. If you have questions, please feel free to call us at 758-5553.

**A Scholarship Reminder:** All high school senior 4-H members should remember to apply for college scholarships that are located on the state 4-H site: <http://www.montana4h.org> Montana State University has also just announced more funding for freshman scholarships as well.

**FREE:** Three free bunnies to good homes. Polish crossed with a large breed. Young and very friendly. For more information please call Anni Sutkus at 892-5719.

## Flathead 4-H Teen Council Needs YOU!!!

**YOU!**



The Flathead County 4-H Ambassadors Samantha Lake and Kadin Prichard are starting the Teen Council back up. This is for any member who is 4-H age 14 and older. Please call Samantha at 253-7771 or Kadin at 890-9798 for more information.

## People Partner Grant Applications

People Partner Grants are provided to 4-H groups and individual members who apply for funding to provide a program or project that enhances the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting and evaluating the project. The project should make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life. Community support of the project must be evident in the application, and can include additional funding, resource persons taking part in the activity, and other agency involvement. Grants are awarded in various sizes, exceeding no more than \$500. Several clubs in our area have taken part and received these grants in the past. Applications are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Applications must be returned to the Extension Office no later than Thursday, January 26th, 2012.

## 2012 4-H Winter Teen Camp at Loon Lake 4-H Camp



The 2012 4-H Winter Teen Camp will be held on Friday February 17th through Sunday, February 19th at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp located on Loon Lake near Ferndale, MT. The camp is open to all 4-H members in District 1, which includes Flathead County. The application is available on the Extension Office website and in the Extension Office. They are due back to Ravalli County Extension no later than January 20th. Activities include: ice fishing, private pool and gym party at the athletic club, snow games, stop action video, karaoke, dance, and more! Cost is \$55, with an additional \$7 charge for t-shirts. If you have any questions, please contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611.

## Interstate Exchange Meeting

There will be an Interstate Exchange Meeting for all interested youth at the 4-H program. The meeting time and location will be announced in the January newsletter. Please contact Wendy Morris if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend. 862-0801.

## Flathead County Foods Fair: Theme is Yet to Be Determined!

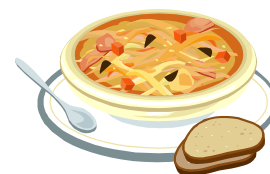


The 2011 Foods Fair will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at the Whitefish Mountain Mall. The Foods Fair is open to any and all 4-H members wishing to participate. You **do not** have to be currently enrolled in a 4-H Foods project. The Foods Fair has been and continues to be an excellent way to allow the public a chance to see what 4-Her's can do. It also gives 4-Her's a chance to prepare some special food and display it in an attractive way in a booth with other members of their club. All booths need to display their club name and have a 4-H logo or some type of 4-H paraphernalia on their table. An adult leader or older Jr. Leader needs to be at each booth at all times. This person also needs to be responsible for seeing that entries go to judging on time. Each club needs to bring their own table, chairs, decorations, and table cover. The Whitefish Mountain Mall is open until 9:00 pm Friday night and opens at 7:00 am on Saturday morning. Clubs are welcome to bring their tables in Friday night before mall closing. **(The Mall is not responsible for items left overnight.)** All entries must be tagged and have the following items on it: Person's Name, age (as of October 1st, 2011), division, and category entered. Entries must be in place no later than 9:45 am. Judging will start at approximately 10:00 am. We will not have preliminary judging. 4-Her's are such outstanding cooks that each will compete against all entries in their age and food category. Judges will pick a first and second place winner in each category and in each age division. Each entrant must fill out a Foods Fair application/recipe form. Recipe Forms are available in the Extension Office. Members may enter in up to 2 categories. Cloverbuds may enter only one item in their division.

Age divisions are as follows: Cloverbuds (5-7 years), Junior (8-12 years), and Senior (13-and older). Age is determined as of October 1st, 2011.

### Food Categories:

- Cookies: any kind. Please encourage 4-Her's to be creative and different with their cookie exhibits.
- Decorated Cakes/ Cupcakes: judged only on decorating ability and creativity. A cake form can be used instead of a real cake.
- Pies: any kind (if custard or cream they must be kept cool).
- Candies: any kind
- Appetizers
- Baked Cakes from Scratch
- Side Dishes
- Cloverbud Division: This is a separate category for Cloverbuds only. All entrants receive participation ribbons.
- Best theme
- Adult/ Leader Category: This category is open to all adults, leaders and parents. You may enter one item of your choosing, totally pot luck so this should be a fun category to view as well as taste!!
- Other Deserts: any kind
- Yeast Breads: from scratch
- Quick Breads: from scratch
- Salad: both hot and cold
- Main Dishes: hot or cold
- Soups, Stews, and Chowders



**Thank you for a wonderful leader's banquet!** I'd like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped make Leader's Banquet a fabulous success. This event is to say "Thank You" for all the leaders who volunteer so much time during our 4-H year, and even then there are leaders who seem to jump up and help out. So a special thank you to Inga Lake, Bill Prichard, Angela Crenshaw, and Julie Brubaker for working so hard behind the scenes. I'd also like to say thank you for our hard working 4-H Ambassadors, Samantha Lake and Kadin Prichard. Alana Townsend deserves some more applause for her wonderful presentation on her trip to the Chez Republic. I also want to thank Pat McGlynn, Linda Watters and Nancy Roberts, all of whom are Extension Staff in other departments. They lent a big hand in making it all come together. A great big thank you also to John's Angels Catering for their amazing food. And last, but most certainly not least, thank you to all the Leader's who attended and made the night so wonderful.





## Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is offering to provide children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, including horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting events prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727. Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the office for reimbursement.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a trip held annually where Montana 4-H members travel as a group with chaperones to the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, DC. The week long trip includes workshops, meetings with legislators, and visits to monuments and museums. Applications are due January 1st to the State 4-H office. The Susan Dufner Scholarship (also due January 1st) can defray some of the expense. Members must be 15 years old (4-H age) to attend and to apply for the scholarship you must be 17 years of age. Applications are available in the Extension Office or on our website.



## Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum in Cheyenne Wyoming

The Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Cheyenne Wyoming on January 12-15th at the Historic Plains Hotel and the Union Depot. Early bird registration is September 1st through November 1st and will cost \$225; cost after November 1st is \$325 and no registrations are accepted after December 15th. This is a great opportunity for leaders to meet those involved in 4-H from 13 different states, and swap ideas and resources. A main topic will be "Why Do Teens Act That



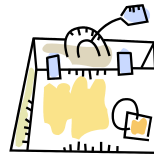
Way?? A survival guide to the teen brain", presented by Dr. David Walsh. 83 additional hours of workshops will be provided to help re-motivate and entertain you. For more information or registrations, please go to [http://4-h.uwyo.edu.WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4-h.uwyo.edu.WRLF_12.asp)

## Are You Interested in a Llama or Alpaca Project?

The Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpacas 4-H Club (L.L.A.M.A. Club) is a fast growing club in the Valley that has fun events and activities for it's members. Several members have recently been honored nationally for their 4-H involvement. If you and your family would like to take part please contact Angela Crenshaw at 257-4474. If you don't have an animal or if you have no room to house an animal but would still like to take part, arrangements may be available for you.



## International Travel Opportunities



The IFYE program (International 4-H Youth Exchange) is designed for 4-H members to travel together with other 4-H members from the US to foreign countries and gain valuable experience and insight into other cultures. Members must be at least fifteen years old to participate, however some locations require members to be older. There are three and six month programs and locations include Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, and Norway. Information on each program is available on the state 4-H website: [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) Applications are due to the state office no later than January 1st.

## Montana 4-H Foundation Change For the Challenge



The Montana 4-H Foundation has started a new fundraiser. Ruth and Vernon Taylor, Montana 4-H supporters, have agreed to match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, raised by 4-Hers collecting change throughout the state. Clubs have challenged other clubs to make donations and several Flathead Clubs have brought funds in. We have a collection jar in the office for spare change and if any clubs would like to begin collecting change they are encouraged to do so. So far the state has collected over \$62,000!!!

## Kila Rangers Receives Town Pump Grant to "Adopt a Family"

Skylar Smith, President of the Kila Rangers applied for and received a grant from Town Pump. A grant was awarded to the Kila Rangers for the amount of \$500. The club is adopting a family from the Northwest Montana Veteran's Food Pantry! Not only will the club be providing gifts for the family but a full meal and tree!!! Great Job Kila Rangers!!!

## 2012 American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia

Wyoming Extension has an opportunity to select a group of teens and adult participants for the 2012 Enhancing Global Perspectives: American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia. Montana members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

While all the specific details, and application materials, are available on the Wyoming 4-H web site: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/> following are a few program highlights.

- Applications are due January 15, 2012
- 26 youth and 5 adult participants will be selected along with 4 alternates (2 males and 2 females)
- The exchange trip will be June 21 - July 19, 2012 (approximately)
- Youth participants must be at least 15 years old and not older than 17 years old by the trip departure date and must have at least one semester of high school left following the trip
- All participants must be U.S. citizens and reside in one of the 13 states in our western region
- There is no program fee and out of pocket expenses will be minimal
- Participants must attend the pre-trip orientation May 17-20 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie Wyoming

This exchange program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the University of Wyoming 4-H Youth Development Program. As the administrators of the program, Wyoming 4-H will select the participants, provide orientation, organize the travel logistics for the orientation and exchange trip, oversee all activities conducted during the exchange trip and work with the adult participants to gather documentation. For more information, please contact the Extension Office or call Kim Reaman at 307-766-5027 or Warren Crawford at 307-766-5679.

## Leaping Llamas & Marching Alpaca's 4-H Club "Adopt a Family" for Thanksgiving

The Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpacas 4-H Club "adopted a family" through the Veteran's Food Pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday. They including all the items a family could need for a wonderful thanksgiving dinner. The Veterna's Food Pantry appreciates all the donations that 4-H clubs have made to their organization. Great Job LLAMA Club!

## Horse Project Guidelines



All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the 4-H Horse or Mini Horse project and/or NWMT Fair 4-H horse/ mini horse competition, must meet the following requirements:

**Horse Cards:** The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse/ mini horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. These cards must be in the office no later than Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

**Project and Helmet Forms:** Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse/ mini horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form and a Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education Form on file in the Office. Members must also watch the Every Time, Every Ride Video once every other year. Please discuss this guideline with your horse club leader.

**Assessments: (not applicable for mini horse members)** Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Each member must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. Members will compete in the highest level completed and on file in the Extension Office. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

**Clinics:** To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse/ mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse/ mini horse clinic during the upcoming year. **Members must sign-in to a clinic or event to receive credit for attendance. It is the members responsibility to remember to do so.** There will be several clinics offered throughout our 4-H year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics. Clinic dates will be posted.

\* New this year, the Horse Judging Competition will be considered a qualifying clinic for project guidelines.

6 Clinic Options offered during the 2011-2012 4-H Year:

November 2011 - Horse Judging Event (already held)  
February- How to Teach Your Horse to do Tricks  
March- Introduction to the Ranch Horse Project and Roping  
April- Golden Spurs Horse Show and Showing Basics 101  
May 11th-12th- Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp  
May - Horsemanship Basics

Exact dates for all events will be listed in upcoming newsletters.

## Horse Judging Event Winners

The Flathead County 1st Annual Horse Judging Event was held at the Mooring Road Arena on Saturday, November 12th. The following is the results of this competition. Congratulations to all of our participants!

### SENIOR INDIVIDUAL:

- 1) Chottie Cray
- 2) Moriah Probert
- 3) Emily Ratliff
- 4) Colter Miller

### JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL:

- 1) Natalie Arnott

### OVERALL NOVICE INDIVIDUAL (JR NOV & SR NOV COMBINED):

- 1) Moriah Venable
- 2) Cortnee Anello
- 3) Kenzie Harvey
- 4) Kharysa Bucher
- 5) Tayne Tingle
- 6) Kaj Haagerup

### OVERALL SENIOR TEAMS:

- 1) Colter Miller, Emily Ratliff, Natalie Arnott
- 2) Moriah Probert, Moriah Venable, Tayne Tingle
- 3) Kharysa Bucher, Addisyn Bucher, Chottie Cray

### OVERALL JUNIOR TEAMS:

- 1) Cortnee Anello, Cassie Miller, Carson Cray
- 2) Soren Haagerup, Kaj Haagerup, Kyla Johnston
- 3) Madison Catlett, Kenzie Harvey, Bailey Hewitt

## Rowdy Ropers Create Blankets for Resident of the Veteran's Home

The Rowdy Ropers 4-H Club made 5 twin sized patriotic fleece blankets for the Montana Vet's Home with help from the People Partner Grant. The blankets were delivered on Sept. 29th. It was a great experience and we look forward to making them again for the Veterans. Way to go Rowdy Ropers!!!



Shelley Struck  
Flathead County Extension Support Staff



## Market Livestock Project Guidelines

To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must be enrolled in an active 4-H Club and meet certain requirements.

**All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years.** We will be offering several Livestock Quality Assurance Clinics this year. Dates will be listed in the January newsletter. **If you are taking a Hog, Beef or Sheep to the Fair, and you did not take this training last year, you are required to attend a LQA Training this year.** There are no exceptions. Young members who completed an LQA training last year are allowed to repeat their training this year if they choose. Junior Leaders who are helping present training at the LQA will receive certification for their assistance. **Members must call the Extension Office at 758-5553 to sign up for a session.** Materials need to be prepared for each member who attends.

**Market Livestock Contracts:** All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) need to read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. Beef Project member's contracts must be submitted no later than December 3rd at Beef Weigh-in. Hog and Sheep project members need to turn in their contracts to the Extension Office no later than April 15th, 2012. Forms are available online or in the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at 758-5553.

## Murdoch's Discount Cards for the 2011-2012 4-H Year

The new 2011-2012 Murdoch's 4-H discount cards are now available at all Murdoch's locations. Murdoch's is asking members to stop by the store with their old cards to exchange for new ones. If members are new, lost their card or did not have a card previously, they can simply show their latest newsletter or other proof of membership to receive one. Any questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



## Important Programming Change For Flathead County 4-H

The Flathead 4-H program has decided to amend our 4-H guideline regarding "senior" 4-H members so that we are in compliance with all state programming. Previously, senior members were 4-H age 13 years and older. State guidelines define 4-H senior members as 14 years of age and older. As of October 1st, 2011 Flathead County 4-H members will now be 14 years of age and up. These changes will be reflected in numerous county programs including foods fair, county congress and Fair. This should alleviate some confusion. Thank you.

# Flathead County & H News

Happy  
Holidays

December 2011

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